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Barack Obama pays his obligatory obeisance to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust at the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem in July 2008.

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Jewish Lobby Gives Obama His Marching Orders

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THE POWERFUL JEWISH LOBBY in Washington is already issuing marching orders to President-elect Barack Obama. One of the most influential voices of the lobby has published an array of "working papers" designed to tell the president how he must maintain the "special relationship" between the United States and Israel, increase pressure on a variety of Arab and Muslim states that are perceived as dangers to Israel, and generally assure that Israel's interests will always be first and foremost in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy, not only in the Middle East but around the globe.

The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), a particularly vocal force in the Jewish lobby, published an entire edition of its *Journal of International Security Affairs* (dated fall 2008), sending the official word to Obama. JINSA was founded by one Stephen Bryen who—along with a host of other well-known names connected to JINSA—was once investigated by the FBI on charges of espionage for Israel

A variety of articles in the journal addressing "Middle East Policy and the Next President" and "Iran, Iraq and Beyond," make it clear that JINSA—best known as a nest of the infamous "neo-conservatives" who misdirected U.S. foreign policy during the outgoing Bush administration, sparking the war in Iraq and continuing to clamor for action against Iran—wants Obama to pursue Bush-style policies.

AIPAC is particularly obsessed with using U.S. military and economic power to force Arab and Muslim nations to "reform" from within.

Talk of "democracy" flows freely within AIPAC's assorted essays, demanding that Israel's neighbors conform to the Western version of democracy. But when the Palestinian people voted the Hamas movement into power in the Palestinian Authority in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza strip, AIPAC and other elements in the Jewish lobby immediately began calling for the United States to reject that freely elected government.

Now, of course, Hamas is largely only in control of the beleaguered Gaza—which many refer to as "ghetto"— and the Palestinian statehood movement has been eviscerated, at least for now. This makes AIPAC and the lobby for Israel quite happy, for Israel has long encouraged U.S. policies—and helped create conditions—that have the effect of "divide and conquer" in the Arab and Muslim world.

Israel is not like any other nation in the world, in that it seems to thrive best (and enjoys the benefits of) having its neighbors quarreling among themselves and rent within. Other nations prefer neighbors that are peaceful and internally secure. Israel wants its neighbors in chaos, because this prevents them from waging war against Israel, either individually or united.

And although in the wake of the debacle in Iraq, which led many Israelis and their allies in the United States to suddenly proclaim that the Iraq war should never have been waged, the fact is that Israel and its U.S.-based agents-in-place were the prime movers behind that war and it was Israeli intelligence that was providing what critics now recognize was the "bad intelligence" that led the Bush administration to "mistakenly" conclude that Iraq was working toward an assembly of nuclear weapons to rival that of Israel. The Israelis and their American spokesmen evidently now believe that if they tell the "big lie" often enough—the lie that Israel's interests played no part in orchestrating the debacle in Iraq—that it will make Americans forget that Israel was the foremost advocate of the war in the first place.

However, the evisceration of Iraq by the United States is part and parcel of a long-standing Israeli national security policy aimed toward "balkanizing" the Muslim world.

Yet, AIPAC, in its journal, is now working to perpetuate the myth of Iraqi nuclear weapons and suggesting that Iraq's weapons were transported into Syria, another nation which has been on the "wish list for war" of Israel and its lobby in America. And AIPAC makes it clear that the destruction of Iran's nuclear development program is a "must."

AIPAC is not the only Israeli lobby unit sending the message to the new president. *Commentary* magazine, long affiliated with the American Jewish Committee, has—in recent issues—been trumpeting a similar bellicose refrain directed at Obama. The editorial director of the Jewish lobby journal is John Podhoretz, a longtime close personal and political associate of the ubiquitous William Kristol, editor of the *Weekly Standard* magazine, which is the most infamous voice of the neo-conservative, hard-line pro-Israel elements operating in the media, in the think tanks, and in official policy making and national security and intelligence circles in Washington. Their fathers, Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz, are two of the founding fathers of the neoconservative network, both Trotskyite Marxists who announced their "conversion" to conservatism during the latter days of the Cold War, banging the drum for intensified U.S. support for Israel.

A complete overview of the neo-conservative power structure and its rather bizarre origins in the days when American Jewish communists like Kristol and Podhoretz turned on the Soviet Union when then-Soviet chief Josef Stalin began moving against Jewish and Zionist elements inside Russia can be found in *The High Priests of War* and *The Judas Goats*, two works by this author.

Whether President Obama intends real change, as he promised, or whether he will advance the Israeli agenda (which saw its power expand exponentially in the Republican administration of GeorgeW. Bush) remains to be seen. But "the lobby" is making its voice heard and Obama knows that he better not ignore it.

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